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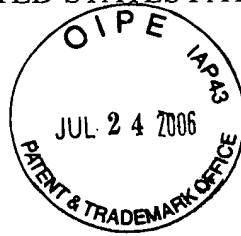
In re application of

Akihisa HONGO et al.

Serial No. 10/779,827

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ELECTROLESS PLATING APPARATUS  
AND METHOD



: **Confirmation No. 9178**

: Attorney Docket No. 2004\_0222

: Group Art Unit 1762

: Examiner Howard E. Abramowitz

**Mail Stop: Amendment**

**AMENDMENT**

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 24, 2006, the period for response having been extended for three (3) months by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows: